

**MINUTES OF THE
RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE Room
W020, House Building, State Capitol Complex
February 19, 2009**

Members Present: Sen. Dan Lijenquist, Co-Chair
Rep. Mel Brown, Co-Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble Sen.
Gene Davis Sen. Jon J.
Greiner Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Neil A. Hansen Rep.
Wayne A. Harper Rep.
Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent: Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. Brad G. Last Rep.
Merlynn T. Newbold Rep.
Stephen E. Sandstrom

Staff Present: Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Danny Schoenfeld, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Eric Weeks, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cherri White, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Co-Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:13 am. He indicated that the committee would proceed with the agenda as the meeting needed to be concluded at 8:00 am as another meeting was scheduled at that time for the room the committee was meeting in.

Mr. Jeff Jensen, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Health Plan, gave a brief introduction to the problem of a shortfall of 9-10% .

Mr. Ben Christensen, Legislative Policy Analyst, and Mr. Danny Schoenfeld, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, introduced proposed changes and shifts.

Mr. Jeff Jensen, Executive Director, PEHP, addressed the possible outcomes based upon the the changes and or shifts in costs and or deductibles. (see handout on file)

Committee members expressed concerns and questions regarding possible cost savings, shifts, or plan changes.

The committee requested that Mr. Jensen return to the committee February 26, 2009, with information regarding other options, adjustments in current options, costs of current legislative mandates, as well as other cost shifts.

Co-Chair Brown indicated that a motion for the minutes would be in order.

MOTION: Representative Hansen moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009, with the correction that he was present for the entire meeting of February 12. The motion passed unanimously with Senators Buttars, and Goodfellow, and Representatives Last, Newbold, and Sandstrom absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Brown indicated with the remaining time of the committee that Representative Daw had a request of consideration regarding High Deductible Health Plan and Health Savings Accounts, and how these options would play out within existing concerns and fiscal considerations. (see handout on file) Dennis Kunimura, PEHP Actuary, answered questions from the committee.

Co-Chair Brown indicated that time for the meeting had elapsed and the discussion would need to carry over to the next meeting. He then called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Senator Bramble moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Senators Buttars, and Goodfellow, and Representatives Last, Newbold, and Sandstrom absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.

_ Senator Dan Lijenquist, Co-Chair

_ Rep. Mel Brown, Co-Chair